



2022 FEDERAL ELECTION SURVEY

SURVEY RESPONSES

HIV IN AUSTRALIA

1. Develop and implement new National Strategies on HIV, blood-borne viruses and STIs for the period from 2023.

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<p>A re-elected Morrison Government will commit to developing and implementing new National Strategies on HIV, blood-borne viruses and STIs for the period from 2023 and seek to drive further reductions in HIV transmission through community-led campaigns and peer education.</p>	<p>An Albanese Labor Government will accelerate efforts to end Australia's HIV epidemic. Labor will establish a Ministerial Taskforce of community representatives, including AFAO, medical experts, and officials charged with removing bottlenecks and driving progress to end HIV transmission. As part of this, they will restore funding to AFAO and the National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA).</p>	<p>The Greens will work to ensure the National Strategies on HIV, blood-borne viruses and STIs are implemented and funded beyond 2023 to sustain the gains achieved so far.</p>

2. Drive further reductions in HIV transmission through community-led campaigns and peer education.

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<p>The Morrison Government 2022-2023 Budget committed a further \$8.6m to support key organisations to continue programs that aim to eliminate HIV, viral hepatitis, and STIs as public health threats by 2030, through the implementation of five National Blood Borne Viruses and STI Strategies 2018-2022. The Coalition's approach to funding and implementing these strategies will continue to include an ongoing commitment to principles of partnership, harm reduction and a community lead response.</p>	<p>Labor will establish a bipartisan taskforce to drive the effort to end HIV transmission and also restore funding to peak organisations involved in the community-led HIV response. It will also fund a pilot program of peer contact tracing and wrap-around clinical and peer support at diagnosis.</p>	<p>The Greens will invest \$20m annually to drive further reductions in HIV transmission through these campaigns and peer education to better meet sub-populations needing more nuanced programming, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, women living with HIV, and people living with HIV not engaged in care.</p>

3. Waive co-payments for HIV treatment on public health grounds, consistent with other STIs, TB and serious vaccine preventable disease.

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<p>No response</p>	<p>No response</p>	<p>The Greens will support the co-payment waiver to ensure Australia remains on track to reach domestic and global HIV targets.</p>

4. Provide subsidised access to PrEP to all who can benefit from it, regardless of visa status, on public health grounds.

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The Morrison Government will continue to follow the medical advice in further expanding access to this treatment through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).	No response	Better access to PrEP will avert new infections through increased PrEP uptake and therefore save the government long term HIV-related health care costs. The Greens support the subsidisation of PrEP for all in Australia, regardless of their visa status.

5. Implement new models for peer-led contract tracing and wrap-around support at diagnosis.

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No response	Labor will fund a pilot to develop models for peer-led contact tracing and wrap-around clinical and peer support at diagnosis, as proposed through AFAO's Agenda 2025.	The Greens will commit \$300,000 annually to establishing new and innovative peer-led models and wrap-around support at diagnosis to reach those at risk of being lost to care, or who are not linked to care.

6. Address the stigma that holds back HIV prevention and reduces quality of life for people living with HIV through targeted programs and research.

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The Morrison Government will continue to work closely with the community to address stigma and discrimination and improving quality of life, with a particular focus on actions to address the stigma that leads to delays or prevents people from seeking diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing support.	No response	The Greens support the \$6m annually to address the stigma that constrains HIV prevention efforts and reduces the quality of life for people living with HIV. This investment will lead to less health care avoidance and increased engagement with prevention, testing, and treatment services.

7. Strengthen Australia's HIV community workforce through continued investment in HIV Online Learning Australia (HOLA).

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No response	No response	The continuation of the HOLA platform will help Australia virtually eliminate HIV through the delivery of learning activities across the country. The Greens will commit \$1.55m annually to support the platform as they believe investment in civil society organisations will improve the health of affected communities.

8. Ask the Australian Law Reform Commission or otherwise commission an examination of Commonwealth, State and Territory laws on HIV to promote uniformity and alignment with public health goals.

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No response	Labor will seek to enhance protections in a way that brings Australians together, drawing on the bonds of common humanity, as expressed in the human rights treaties that Australia has ratified, and that Labor continues to champion.	The Greens will direct the Australian Law Reform Commission or another relevant body or agency to report on increasing uniformity between state and territory laws on HIV to ensure they align with public health goals, are consistent with HIV science and also the National Strategies.

9. Ask Lifeblood to continuously review sexual activity deferrals for blood donors and the TGA to urgently consider Lifeblood recommendations so no one is needlessly excluded from donation.

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The safety and wellbeing of both blood donors and recipients of blood products is foremost in decision making under the national blood arrangements. Any proposed changes to donor deferral periods by Lifeblood will be considered by the TGA as they are received.	No response	The Greens support measures that monitor developments in science to ensure Australia's regulations on blood donation deferral periods are consistent with science. As part of that work, the Greens will commit \$5m to the TGA to review opportunities to improve on the current framework, and an additional \$1m per year ongoing to address unnecessary barriers.

10. Learning the lessons of COVID-19, ask research bodies to prioritise communicable diseases preparedness and response.

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No response	No response	Learning the lessons of COVID-19, the Greens will support the prioritisation of communicable diseases preparedness. This will ensure Australia is well-positioned to respond to emerging health issues through the early commencement of prevention and treatment programs. This will also enable the successes of the HIV response to be translated to emerging health threats, where relevant.

LGBTIQ HEALTH

11. Implement a transition program to help LGBTIQ health organisations better access MBS and other sustainable funding to deliver more primary health care to communities.

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<p>Australia's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022-2032 will continue to deliver even better outcomes for Australian people, health care providers and the health care system. The Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan will support primary health care providers to embrace other advances: in telehealth; in digital health; and in other health care technologies, including point of care testing, genomics and pharmacogenomics and precision medicine.</p>	<p>Labor will provide AFAO with a grant to lead a consultation on the unique health issues and barriers to health care access LGBTIQ+ Australians may face.</p>	<p>LGBTIQ+ communities experience significant health disparities and barriers to health care access, including a lack of LGBTIQ+ inclusive and specific services. The Greens commit to \$17.9m to allow LGBTIQ+ communities to deliver more services through MBS billing and other sustainable funding.</p>

12. Develop and implement a national LGBTIQ health and wellbeing action plan.

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<p>No response</p>	<p>Labor will appoint an Ambassador for Human Rights to restore Australia's leadership on human rights around the world. The Ambassador will advance the rights and protections for people living with a disability, ethnic and religious minorities, and LGBTIQ+ individuals and bolster Australia's support for the UN human rights architecture and international law.</p>	<p>The Greens will provide dedicated funding to establish a national LGBTIQ+ health and wellbeing action plan. This will include \$285m to ensure all LGBTIQ+ people have access to holistic and comprehensive health services regardless of whether they live in a capital city or a rural town. It will include national standards and training for health professionals to ensure they can provide world class care to LGBTIQ+ patients, particularly patients who have variations in sex characteristics or are transgender, gender diverse or non-binary. The Greens would create a Minister for Equality as part of this work.</p>

13. Prioritise LGBTIQ community-led organisations when funding health and wellbeing services for LGBTIQ communities.

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<p>No response</p>	<p>Labor will work closely with LGBTIQ+ Australians and advocates to develop policy to ensure equality before the law and strengthen Medicare, so LGBTIQ+ Australians have full access to the health care system. An elected Albanese Labor Government will also boost Q Life's peer support workforce to help them reach more LGBTIQ+ Australians in crisis.</p>	<p>The Greens will provide \$70m grants fund over four years from 1 July 2022 for LGBTIQ+ community-controlled health organisations; as part of that work, the Greens will ensure that procurement and tendering processes appropriately prioritise LGBTIQ+ community-controlled organisations within the funding program.</p>

14. Implement the ABS 2020 Standard for Sex, Gender, Variations of Sex Characteristics and Sexual Orientation Variables in datasets across the health system and in the 2026 Census.

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No response	No response	The Greens will allocate \$10m to implement the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2020 Standard on Sex, Gender, Variations in Sex Characteristics, and Sexual Orientation Variables in data collection across Government, including through the Census.

OUR COMMUNITIES ABROAD

15. Renew Australia's commitment to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for 2023-2025.

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The Morrison Government remains committed to the Global Fund as a critical partner in the fight against communicable diseases. The Global Fund's seventh replenishment is due to be held in late 2022 and a Morrison Government would make a funding pledge closer to the time.	No response	The Greens recognise Australia's role in the region in providing support and funding to regional responses to HIV and maintaining strong and effective partnerships between community organisations in Australia and amongst its neighbours. The Greens would restore the funding to these crucial programs to ensure that the fight to eliminate HIV can continue in the region. The Greens understand the role of Australia in sending a clear message to the world and the region that funding to eliminate HIV should be prioritised, through contributing to the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

16. Set aside 10% of Australia's Global Fund contribution to strengthen community responses to HIV in Asia and the Pacific.

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Through Global Fund-managed programs, and where relevant to bilateral health programs, the Coalition Government remains committed to ensuring Australian expertise is available to support countries in the region.	No response	The Greens will commit \$450m from Australia's development budget to set a strong example and ensure the Global Fund can continue its work in a sustainable and consistent way. As part of this commitment, the Greens will work with the sector to set aside contributions based on need in recipient communities.

17. Support the establishment of a network of LGBTIQ organisations and partners to promote LGBTIQ human rights regionally and across the globe.

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<p>In the Indo-Pacific, the Morrison Government continues to work with UNAIDS and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, to improve access to HIV prevention and testing services for vulnerable populations, including LGBTIQ+ persons.</p> <p>The Morrison Government 2022-23 Budget included \$1m over five years from 2022-23 to establish a Human Rights Advocacy Program to provide grants of up to \$100,000 to human rights focused organisations to advance Australia's human rights priorities.</p>	<p>No response</p>	<p>The Greens support the \$300,000 annual investment needed to establish an LGBTIQ+ network of organisations to provide the Government with advice on the rights of LGBTIQ+ human rights and to assist in monitoring human rights violations globally.</p>